(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization

International Bureau



T TO A THE CHARLES IN CORRECT CORRESPONDED THE FIRST OF THE CHARLE WHICH CORRECT CORRESPONDS THE CORRESPONDED THE CORRESPOND TO THE CORRESPOND THE CORRESPON

(43) International Publication Date 5 August 2004 (05.08.2004)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number WO 2004/065021 A1

(51) International Patent Classification7:

B05B 11/00

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/EP2004/000184

- (22) International Filing Date: 14 January 2004 (14.01.2004)
- (25) Filing Language:

English

(26) Publication Language:

English

- (30) Priority Data: MI2003A 000080 21 January 2003 (21.01.2003) IT
- (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): SPRAY PLAST S.P.A. [IT/IT]; Via Monte Tomba 28/A, I-36060 Fellete Di Romano D'Ezzelino (VI) (IT).
- (72) Inventor; and
- (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): BUTI, Sario [IT/IT]; Via Schiavonetti, 6, I-36061 Bassano del Grappa (IT).
- (74) Agents: ALDO, Petruzziello et al.; Racheli & C. SPA, Viale San Michele Del Carso, 4, I-20144 Milano (IT).

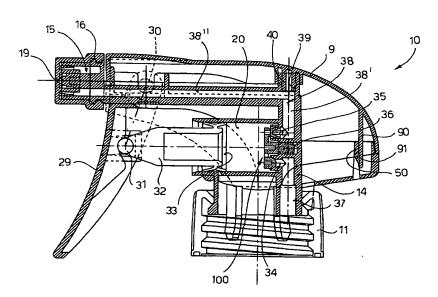
- (81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Declarations under Rule 4.17:

— as to applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) for the following designations AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE,

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: SIMPLIFIED SPRAYER DEVICE



(57) Abstract: A sprayer device (10) with a trigger pump (29) comprises a substantially L-shaped body (14) that can be applied to a container for liquids and is provided with a sprayer nozzle (15). A chamber (20) wherein a plunger (33) of the pump slides, an input duct (37) which puts the container into communication with the chamber and an output duct (38) which puts the chamber into communication with the nozzle are formed to inside the body. A suction and delivery valve (100) which allows the suction of the liquid from the inside of the chamber and the delivery of the liquid from the chamber to the sprayer nozzle is installed in the chamber of the sprayer body. The stem (32) of the plunger of the pump is operated by a trigger (29) biased by a spring (60).



WO 2004/065021 A1

T (BBATE BINDERN) Y CORNER HEN BOUN BOUN BOUN BOUN BOUN BOUND BOUND BOUND HER HER HEN BOER HEN HER HER HER HER

EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW, ARIPO patent (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG)

as to the applicant's entitlement to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rule 4.17(iii)) for the following designation US

of inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv)) for US only

Published:

- with international search report
- with amended claims

Date of publication of the amended claims:

30 September 2004

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

Other drawbacks are due to the spring which biases the trigger, which is generally disposed inside the body of the piston. In fact said spring is obliged to have a spiral shape and, being in contact with the product, must be made of AISI steel. These characteristics make it excessively costly.

Furthermore, the spring disposed inside the piston body limits the volume of product delivered during spraying.

10

5

" mosting;

EP-0.850.695 discloses a dispenser for liquid products according to the preamble of claim 1. In particular, such a dispenser comprises a valve member having a collar portion received and held in a complementary groove which is formed in the dispenser body. Such an arrangement is complex and not reliable.

15

The object of the present invention is to overcome the drawbacks of the prior art by providing a sprayer device with a trigger-operated pump which is extremely reliable and able to ensure a perfect operation, avoiding problems of failures, and jamming of the valve of the pump.

20

Another object of the present invention is to provide a sprayer device provided with a spring for the trigger of the pump that is cheap, practical and efficient.

25

These objects are achieved, according to the invention, with the characteristics listed in appended independent claim 1.

Advantageous embodiments of the invention are apparent from the dependent claims.

The sprayer device with trigger-operated pump according to the invention comprises a substantially L-shaped body that can be applied to a liquid container and is provided with a sprayer nozzle.

30

Formed inside the body there are a chamber wherein a pump plunger slides, an input duct which puts the container into communication with the chamber and an output duct which puts the chamber into communication with the sprayer nozzle.

Disposed in the chamber of the sprayer body there is a suction and delivery valve to generate a first one-way passage between said input duct of the sprayer body and said chamber and a second one-way passage between said chamber and said output duct of the sprayer body.